

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Rewrite claim 58 as an independent claim.
2. Amend claims 54 – 57 to depend from independent claim 58.
3. Rewrite claim 59 as an independent claim.
4. Add new dependent claims 69 – 72 dependent upon independent claim 59, and having subject matter corresponding to pre-existing dependent claims 54 – 57, respectively.
5. Rewrite claim 65 as an independent claim.
6. Amend claims 61 – 64 to depend from independent claim 65.
7. Rewrite claim 66 as an independent claim.
8. Add new dependent claims 73 – 76 dependent upon independent claim 66, and having subject matter corresponding to pre-existing dependent claims 61 – 64, respectively.
9. Cancel claims 53, 60, and 67-68 without prejudice or disclaimer.
10. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections in view of the amendments.

B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

In view of the rewriting of allowable claims 58 – 59 and 65 – 66 as independent claims, and cancellation of other independent claims, all claims are now deemed allowable.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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